

Kolbe	Nunes	Sherman
Kucinich	Nussle	Sherwood
LaHood	Oberstar	Shimkus
Lampson	Obey	Shuster
Langevin	Olver	Simmons
Larson (CT)	Osborne	Simpson
Latham	Ose	Skelton
LaTourette	Otter	Slaughter
Leach	Owens	Smith (MI)
Lee	Oxley	Smith (NJ)
Levin	Pallone	Smith (TX)
Lewis (CA)	Pascarella	Smith (WA)
Lewis (GA)	Pastor	Snyder
Lewis (KY)	Paul	Solis
Linder	Payne	Souder
Lipinski	Pearce	Spratt
LoBiondo	Pence	Stark
Lofgren	Peterson (MN)	Stearns
Lowey	Peterson (PA)	Stenholm
Lucas (KY)	Petri	Strickland
Lucas (OK)	Pickering	Stupak
Lynch	Platts	Sullivan
Majette	Pombo	Sweeney
Maloney	Pomeroy	Tancred
Manzullo	Porter	Tanner
Markey	Portman	Tauscher
Marshall	Price (NC)	Tauzin
Matheson	Pryce (OH)	Taylor (MS)
Matsui	Putnam	Taylor (NC)
McCarthy (MO)	Quinn	Terry
McCarthy (NY)	Rahall	Thomas
McCollum	Ramstad	Thompson (CA)
McCotter	Rangel	Thompson (MS)
McCrery	Regula	Thornberry
McDermott	Rehberg	Tiahrt
McGovern	Renzi	Tiberi
McHugh	Reyes	Tierney
McInnis	Reynolds	Towns
McIntyre	Rodriguez	Turner (OH)
McKeon	Rogers (AL)	Turner (TX)
McNulty	Rogers (KY)	Udall (CO)
Meehan	Rogers (MI)	Udall (NM)
Meek (FL)	Rohrabacher	Upton
Meeks (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen	Van Hollen
Menendez	Ross	Velazquez
Mica	Rothman	Visclosky
Michaud	Roybal-Allard	Vitter
Millender-	Ruppersberger	Walden (OR)
McDonald	Rush	Walsh
Miller (FL)	Ryan (OH)	Wamp
Miller (MI)	Ryan (WI)	Waters
Miller (NC)	Ryun (KS)	Watson
Miller, Gary	Sabo	Watt
Miller, George	Sanchez, Linda	Waxman
Mollohan	T.	Weiner
Moore	Sanchez, Loretta	Weldon (FL)
Moran (KS)	Sandlin	Weldon (PA)
Moran (VA)	Saxton	Weller
Murtha	Schakowsky	Wexler
Musgrave	Schiff	Whitfield
Myrick	Schrock	Wicker
Nadler	Scott (GA)	Wilson (NM)
Napolitano	Scott (VA)	Wilson (SC)
Neal (MA)	Sensenbrenner	Wolf
Nethercutt	Serrano	Woolsey
Neugebauer	Sessions	Wu
Ney	Shadegg	Wynn
Northup	Shaw	Young (AK)
Norwood	Shays	Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—24

Ballenger	Ehlers	Murphy
Boyd	Fletcher	Ortiz
Brady (TX)	Gephardt	Pelosi
Cardoza	Gilchrest	Pitts
Carson (OK)	Jenkins	Radanovich
Cubin	Kaptur	Royce
DeMint	Lantos	Sanders
Dingell	Larsen (WA)	Toomey

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1300

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

1300

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 2673, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees:

Messrs. Young of Florida, REGULA, LEWIS of California, WOLF, WALSH, HOBSON, BONILLA, KINGSTON, FRELINGHUYSEN, NETHERCUTT, LATHAM, GOODE, LAHOOD, OBEY, MURTHA, MOLLOHAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. DELAURO, and Messrs. HINCHEY, FARR, BOYD and FATTAH.

There was no objection.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 6, ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2003

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 443 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 443

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 6) to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. HASTINGS of Washington asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, House Resolution 443 is a rule providing for the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 6, the Energy Policy Act of 2003. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and its consideration and provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

Over the past several months, more and more Americans have experienced firsthand the crippling effects of America's outdated energy systems. For example, natural gas supply shortages resulting from conflicting government policies have caused home heating bills to skyrocket and forced businesses to

lay off thousands of workers. In addition, this summer's great blackout exposed the vulnerability of our Nation's deteriorating electricity grids. It is absolutely critical that Congress approve a comprehensive national energy bill this year so that all Americans will have access to more efficient, affordable, and environmentally responsible energy supplies. As a Nation, we simply cannot afford to wait any longer for this important legislation.

I am pleased, therefore, that later today the House will have an opportunity to pass a conference report on H.R. 6 that clearly meets these imperatives. The conference agreement improves our Nation's electricity transmission capacity and reliability. It promotes a cleaner environment by encouraging new innovation and the use of alternative power sources.

The bill also authorizes \$200 million for the Clean Cities program, which will provide grants to State and local governments to acquire alternative fueled vehicles. The agreement promotes clean coal technology and provides incentives for renewable sources such as biomass, wind, solar, geothermal and hydroelectricity. It also provides leadership in energy conservation by establishing new mandatory efficiency requirements for Federal buildings and higher standards and stricter labeling for a variety of energy-consuming commercial products.

The conference report allows for stepped up natural gas exploration and development in the Gulf of Mexico and permits construction of a natural gas pipeline from Alaska's North Slope to the Lower 48. The bill also decreases America's dangerous dependence on foreign oil by increasing domestic oil and gas exploration and development on nonpark Federal lands and by expanding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve capacity to 1 billion barrels.

The bill encourages more nuclear and hydropower production by authorizing the Department of Energy to develop accelerated programs for the production and supply of energy and sets the stage for building badly needed nuclear power plants by reauthorizing the Price-Anderson Act.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, as a Member who represents a region heavily dependent on hydroelectric power, I am pleased that the conferees included bipartisan reforms of the lengthy and costly hydrorelicensing process. These reforms will maintain environmental standards while providing utilities the flexibility to reduce their costs in achieving those standards.

Mr. Speaker, the Nation needs this energy bill, and it needs it now. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support both the rule and the underlying conference report.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. FROST asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)